

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 18, 1989

TREE TRIMMING
CONTACT WITH
ASPLUNDH TREE
EXPERT COMPANY
APPROVED

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The City Council was apprised that the Electric Utility Department's 1988-89 fiscal year tree trimming budget included funding for the City's tree trimming crew to perform power line clearing (PLC) for six months. Additional funding was included for supplemental PLC by an outside contractor. The outside PLC contract was awarded by the City Council at the November 16, 1988 meeting at a cost of \$57.04 per hour, all inclusive, for a total of \$15,000.

Due to a vacancy in the City's tree trimming crew, time associated with filling such vacancy, and demand on this reduced crew by other City tree trimming requirements, PLC, to the extent anticipated and budgeted, has not and cannot be accomplished this fiscal year with City forces.

Since the Electric Utility Department has a severe tree growth problem in the vicinity of a significant portion of its overhead electric system, PLC is essential to maintain reasonable continuity of electric service. Therefore, the recommended action that funds budgeted, but not able to be utilized by the City's tree trimmers, be transferred for use by the 'on board' PLC contractor through extension of the existing contract under the same terms and conditions until funding is depleted. This contract extension will enable the Electric Utility Department to maintain its PLC program, a critical maintenance function, until mid April 1989.

The City Council approved the extension of Tree Trimming Contract (Power Line Clearing) with Asplundh Tree Expert Company under the same terms and conditions and authorized the transfer of funds (\$22,000), within the previously approved tree trimming account to cover this action.